

A bis (aminostyryl) anthracene compound represented by the general formula [I] or the like below.

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbb{R}^1 \\ \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \mathbb{R}^2 \end{array} \text{N} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{C}H = \mathbb{C}H} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}^5} \mathbb{C}H = \mathbb{C}H \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathbb{R}^3$$

(where R^2 and R^3 each denotes an unsubstituted aryl group; R^1 and R^4 each denotes an aryl group having a specific substituent such as methoxy group; and R^5 and R^6 each denotes a cyano group or the like.)

A process for producing a bis(aminostyryl)anthracene compound represented by the general formula [I] by condensation of, for example, 4-(N,N-diarylamino)benzaldehyde with diphosphonic ester or diphosphonium.

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